



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2019

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Director
Office of Agriculture

SUBJECT: September 17, 2019 Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday **September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

We will be meeting at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown MD 20874 Room A on the first floor.

The agenda is on the next page.

The draft minutes from the August 20, 2019 AAC meeting will be available at the meeting.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Office of Agriculture web site. I will bring copies of the minutes, agenda, and other attachments.

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/AgServices/agboardscommittee.html>

I hope to see you on Tuesday.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or Aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810.



Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting September 17, 2019 Agenda

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC meeting minutes from August 20, 2019.
3. Update on the Farm Alcohol Production Facilities-FAPF-The DPS has provided the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the OAG and the Department of Permitting Services to assist with the implementation of Farm Alcohol Production. Jeremy will report on the recommendations from the County Executive to address the challenges for obtaining commercial building permits on farms that offer FAPF and agritourism activities.
4. Follow up discussion from the Agritourism Study Advisory Committee-ASAC meeting from September 16, 2019. The study and report recommendations will provide a menu of options for the Committee to consider. Jeremy will bring copies of the draft report of the ASAC to the meeting for the Committee to review.
5. The Sugarland Broadband Pilot Phase I along Partnership Road is completed, and the residents service is activated. The phase II of the project coming down Sugarland Road has started, and completion is scheduled by the end of September. The phase III of the pilot will not be built due to several residents that are not willing to sign the Comcast Easements. <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/Sugarland/sugarland-comcast.html>
6. Update on the River Road Improvements- Jeremy met with the CE, CAO and Fariba Kassiri on September 3, 2019 and the River Road was one of the discussion items. Jeremy asked if the CE knew why gravel roads in the County were tar and chipped during the 1970s. Jeremy explained that it is common for asbestos fibers to be found in certain types of rock that are used for making gravel. The MAP Board of Directors support a second community meeting be sponsored by the AAC, MCFB and MAP at AHFP. The MCFB did not meet on September 3, 2019 and therefore this will be discussed at the October meeting.
7. The County Council will be hosting an Agricultural Breakfast on Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 8:00am. Following the breakfast, the County Council will present three Proclamations-100th Anniversary of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Robert Stabler 2018 Agricultural Leadership Award, Ben Allnutt, Montgomery County Agricultural Hall of Fame
8. Next meeting of the AAC is October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Germantown. *Please note that Jeremy may need to cancel this meeting?*

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agritourism Advisory Committee-September 16, 2019@5:30 pm AHFP
County Council Breakfast and Presentation of Proclamations-September 17, 2019@8:00am
Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-September 17, 2019 @7:00 pm

Interviews/Presentations-Applicants for David Gordon's position-September 18, 2019
MCFB Policy Development Committee-September 18, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Pooleville Day-September 21, 2019
MCFB Farm to Table Dinner-September 21, 2019